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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL,ET,US

SUBJECT: HARAR EYE CLINIC

REF: A. ADDIS 11970, B. STATE 289753, AND PREVIOUS

1. REFTTEL (B) ASKS FOR OUR VIEWS OF ABILITY OBTAIN SECURITY AND LOGISTICS ASSURANCES FROM EPMG IN CONNECTION WITH CONTINUANCE OF HARAR CLINIC.

2. CMAAG IS REPORTING SOME CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TODAY THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS THAT WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE HARAR SECURITY PROBLEM SHOULD PERHAPS BE LOOKED AT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, NAMELY AS A PROBLEM INVOLVING ONLY THE SENIOR NAVY RESIDENT RATHER THAN AN ANTI-CLINIC, ANTI-AMERICAN PROBLEM. MAAG MESSAGE REQUESTS NAVAL AUTHORITIES TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.

3. OBVIOUSLY, IF PROBLEM TURNS OUT TO BE ESSENTIALLY PERSONAL, WE HAVE DIFFERENT BALL GAME--SECURITY OF CLINIC AND ITS PERSONNEL MAY NOT EVER HAVE REALLY BEEN IN QUESTION, AND WE SHOULD NO LONGER BE RELUCTANT TO CONTINUE PROGRAM. NONETHELESS, WE ARE PROCEEDING TO RAISE SECURITY MATTER WITH ETHIOPIANS AS THOUGH PROBLEM AS WE ORIGINALLY KNEW IT WAS IN FACT STILL IN EXISTENCE. MAAG OFFICER IS PROCEEDING TO HARAR NOV 30
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AND WILL GO OVER DETAILS OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS WITH

HARAR AUTHOIRITES. CHMAAG IS PURSUING SAME LINE WITH EPMG MILITARY AUTHORITIES, AND I AM DOING SAME THING WITH MOFA. WE EXPECT EPMG AUTHORITIES BOTH HERE AND IN HARAR WILL EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE COOPERATION. IN PROCESS, WE ARE, OF COURSE, PROTESTING NOV 26 INCIDENT.

4. RE LOGISTICS, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT IS REQUIRED. AS REPORTED OUR 11355, KING DID NOT DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH EITHER EMBASSY OR MAAG DURING HIS OCTOBER VISIT. HENCE WE HAVE AT BEST ONLY VAGUE IDEA OF WHAT IS INVOLVED. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN, BUT NEED TO KNOW SPECIFICS.

5. FOREGOING SUGGESTS MORE STRONGLY THAN I WAS ABLE TO DO IN REFTEL (A) THAT NOV 26 INCIDENT NOT PRECIPITATE ANY FURTHER DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF CLINIC AT LEAST UNTIL OUR LATEST INFO CAN BE CHECKED OUT FURTHER. I HOPE YOU CAN KEEP HOLD LINE.
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